**Shortfall in Industrial production due to short supply of Coal**

4644. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to short supply of coal to industries there is heavy short fall in their pro duction;

(b) if so, the names of these indus tries; and

(c) the steps being taken to restore the supply of coal to the affected in dustries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) The revised demand for coal for the yesar 1992 was fixed at 235.2 million tonnes. Against this, the actual supplies have been 222.85 million tonnes, which work out to a satisfaction-of 94.4 per cent. Thus, there was a shortfall of 5.6 per cent in meeting the revised demand during 1991.92. Similarly, pro-rata demand for the period April-June, 1992 has been worked out at 58.31 million tonnes against which the supplies have been 53.98 million tonnes indicating a satisfaction of 92.5 per cent and a shortfall of 7.5 per cent The shortfall in 1991-92 was mainly confined to steel and cement industries.

Coal companies have taken several steps to enhance supplies of coal to consumers. The system and proce- dures for supply of coal are being streamlined. Consumers can obtain their coal requirements by road upto 1000 M.T. at a time from specified collieries without any sponsorship. In addtion 20 million tonnes of pithead stocks are also being offered to cus- tomers with preference to actual use-ers. Coal stockyards are being activis-ed. Further, Consumers Councils have been set up at regional and national levels to look into specific grievances of coal consumers.

**Negative growth of production of Coal**

4645. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state;

(a) whether there has been negative growth of production of coal in coal mining States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for such a negative growth; and

(d) the steps being taken by Gov. ernment to remedy the situation in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA)- (a) to (d) Statewise coal production in the country during last three years was as under:

(million tonnes)

| State | 1989-90 | 1990-91 | 1991-92 (provisional) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 17·80 | 17·71 | 20·58 |
| Assam | 0·84 | 0·68 | 0·95 |
| Bihar | 66·58 | 67·49 | 69·17 |
| Orissa | 13·25 | 16·27 | 20·70 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 62·30 | 65·35 | 69·19 |